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SUBJECT: TOUR TO EUROPE OF MAURICE A. FERRE, MAYOR OF MIAMI,
FLORIDA, AND SELECT GROUP OF COMMUNITY LEADERS

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1. WE HAVE ONCE AGAIN CONTACTED POPE PAUL'S AUDIENCE OFFICER ON BEHALF OF GROUP, AND HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE FROM BISHOP OF MIAMI RECEIVED. HE STATED THAT "AUDIENCES" ARE SUSPENDED FOR PERIOD BUT THAT HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH US MONDAY OR TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK.
2. IN VIEW OF ARRIVAL 1:30 P.M. SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 AND DEPARTURE 9 A.M. MONDAY, AUGUST 16, ONLY POSSIBILITY WOULD BE ARRANGING "SOMETHING" ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, FOLLOWING POPE'S TRADITIONAL PUBLIC BLESSING FROM BALCONY OF SUMMER RESIDENCE IN CASTEL GANDOLFO (30 KMS FROM ROME).
3. WE HAVE HAD NO PRECEDENT OF "SOMETHING" OF THIS NATURE BEING ARRANGED AT CASTEL GANDOLFO. THUS, WE WILL FOLLOW UP MATTER EARLY NEXT WEEK AND ADVISE THE GROUP ACCORDINGLY. VOLPE

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